

Remarks

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8 are pending.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification is amended herein by submission of a Substitute Specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3) to simplify the document for printing or copying. A marked-up copy of the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(a) is enclosed. In summary, the Title and Abstract have been amended, several headings, and minor typographical errors are corrected. Support for the substitute specification is found throughout the originally-filed specification. No new matter is added.

Claim Amendments/Added Claims

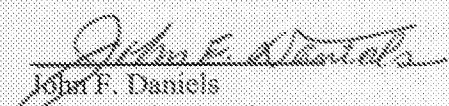
PCT Claims 1-9 are cancelled and replaced with new Claims 10-17 (renumbered as Claims 1-8) to correct grammatical and syntactical errors and to place the claims in U.S. format. The subject matter and scope of Claims 1-8 corresponds generally to cancelled PCT Claims 1-9. Support for Claims 1-8 is found throughout the originally-filed PCT specification, and the original PCT Claims. No new matter is added. The new claims are presented solely to comply with US claim format and are not presented due to any prior art, either cited in the application or as a result of PCT examination.

Conclusion

The amendments to the specification and claims made herein are proper and entry is respectfully requested. Early examination of the substitute specification is respectfully requested.

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